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Remarks

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to recite the continuing data for the above-identified application and have inserted an Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification raise no issue of new matter and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

In addition, applicants have inserted into the subject application a new Sequence Listing, a computer readable form of which is enclosed herewith and a paper copy of which is attached as **Exhibit B**. In addition, applicants attach hereto as **Exhibit C** a Statement certifying that the enclosed computer readable form of the Sequence Listing is identical in content to the attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing and contains no new matter.

Claims 1-40 are present in the subject application as filed. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 29, 30, 32-35, and 38-40 without disclaimer or prejudice and have amended claims 26, 27, 31, 36, and 37 to eliminate multiple dependencies. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-20, 23, 26-28, 31, 36, and 37 will be pending.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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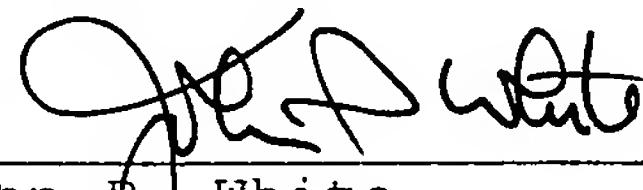
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No fee, other than the enclosed filing fee of \$475.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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Abstract of the Disclosure

Please insert new page 37 attached as **Exhibit A** hereto which sets forth an Abstract of the Disclosure.

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Sequence Listing

Please insert the Sequence Listing, a computer readable form of which is enclosed herewith and a paper copy of which is attached as **Exhibit B**, into the subject application.